215/

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S):

WOLLENWEBER, et al.

ATTY DOC NO:

P00,1979

1.19.0

ECENED SAME

SERIAL NO:

09/763,033

GAU:

(Not yet assigned)

FILED:

February 15, 2001

EXAMINER: (Not yet assigned)

INVENTION:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FAULT REVERSION

IN A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SWITCHING DEVICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent:

Reference AA

U.S. 5,295,134

March 15, 1994

Reference AJ

DE 29 08 316

September 6, 1979

Reference AK

DE 40 07 460

March 7, 1991

Reference AQ

Rathgeb, E P, "Redundancy Concepts for a Large ATM Switching Node" ISS. World Telecommunications Congress Proceedings, (International Switching Symposium), Toronto, CA, Pinnacle Group (1997), pp. 425-423

pp.425-433.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA discloses an in-service activator for a broadband exchanger.

Reference AJ discloses a multi-configurational modular processing system that is integrated with a pre-processing system.

Reference AK discloses a method and circuit arrangement for fast deactivation of assemblies in case of error.

Reference AQ concerns redundancy concepts for a large ATM switching node.

None of the above-cited documents disclose or suggest a method for making printed circuit boards having coarse conductor structures and fine conductor structures, as disclosed and claimed in the present application.

A copy of each reference, together with a completed Form PTO-1449, and a copy of the International Search Report are submitted herewith.

The Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to mailing of the first Office Action on the merits. Thus, no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above-cited documents, taken singularly or in any reasonable combination.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven H. Noll

(Reg. No. 28,982)

SCHIFF HARDIN & WAITE

Patent Department

6600 Sears Tower

233 South Wacker Drive

Chicago, IL 60606-6473

Telephone: (312) 258-5790

Attorneys for Applicant

Customer Number 26574

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D C 20231 on May 10, 2001

Attorney for Applicants